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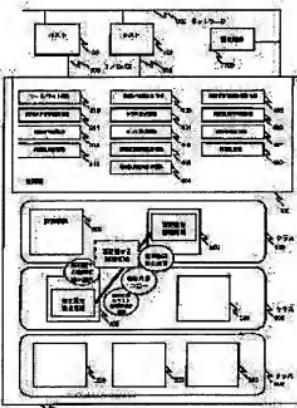
## (54) STORAGE SUB-SYSTEM AND ITS CONTROL METHOD

### (57)Abstract:

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To simplify a work for optimizing arrangement by re-arrangement by the user of a disk array system or the like by changing the correspondence of a logical storage area from a physical storage area into the second physical storage area and executing re-arrangement.

**SOLUTION:** A control part 300 automatically executes re-arrangement execution processing at the set time and date. That is, the part 300 copies contents stored in a re-arrangement source physical area in a re-arrangement destination physical area based on re-arrangement information 408. Moreover, at the point of time when the copying is completed and the whole contents of the re-arrangement source physical area are reflected in the re-arrangement destination physical area, the control part 300 changes a physical area corresponding to a logical area for executing re-arrangement in logical/physical correspondence information 400 from the re-arrangement source

physical area into the re-arrangement destination physical area. Besides, the control part 300 uses the re-arrangement destination physical area on a non-usage physical area 1470, changes the re-arrangement source physical area into the non-usage one and, moreover, updates the time and date of re-arrangement execution time information 406 into the one for a next time by referring to time and date updating information on re-arrangement execution time information 406.



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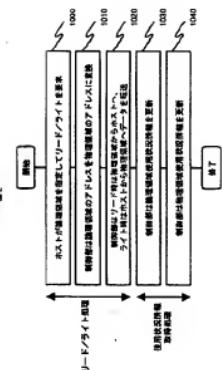






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【図4】

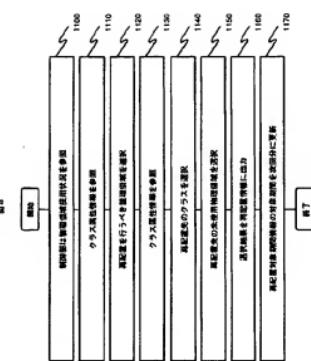


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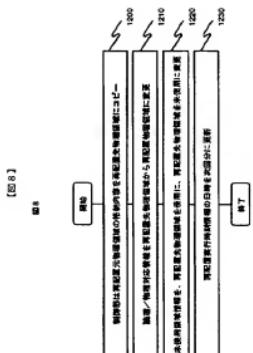


【図5】

車両アドレス	電源供給回路	車両アドレス
0~999	0	0~999
1000~1999	0	1000~1999
2000~2999	1	0~999
3000~3999	1	1000~1999
4000~4999		

【図7】

電源供給回路	車両アドレス	電源供給回路
0	0~999	車両
0	1000~1999	車両
0	2000~2999	車両
0	3000~3999	車両



【図1】

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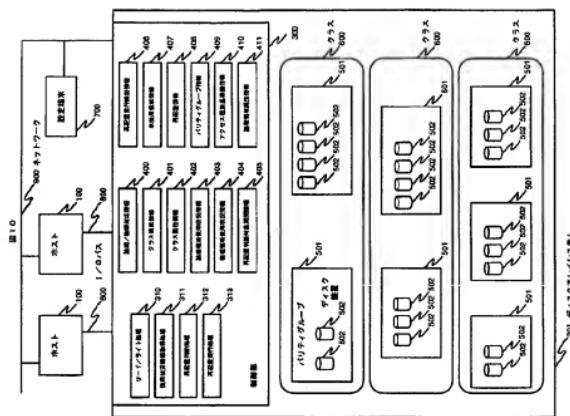
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【図1】

図アガシ

クラス番号	パリティグレード	パリティグレード
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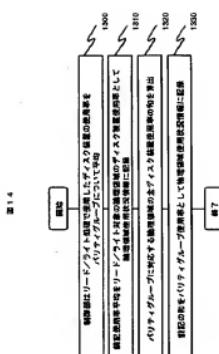
【図10】

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[図1.3]

クラス番号	搭載機器種類(%)	クラス搭載機器	実施割合(上位順)(%)	実況
0	60	1	70	-
1	70	2	60	既定
2	80	3	60	-

[図1.4]



[図1.5]

日付	運賃アフラムス	デスク用搭載機器(%)
1999年8月1日 0時0分	0~300 1,000~1,999	18 32
1999年8月1日 0時0分~15分	0~399 1,000~1,999	20 30
1999年8月1日 0時0分~30分	0~399	22 28

[図1.6]

日付	パリティグループ番号	搭載機器(%)
1999年8月1日 0時0分	0~100	63
	101	31
1999年8月1日 0時0分	100	70
	101	30
1999年8月1日 0時0分	100	50
	101	49

[図1.7]

日付	パリティグループ番号	搭載機器(%)
1999年8月1日 0時0分	RAIDS 30IP	110
	RAI01 101IP	100
1999年8月1日 0時0分	RAIDS 601IP	95

[図2.1]

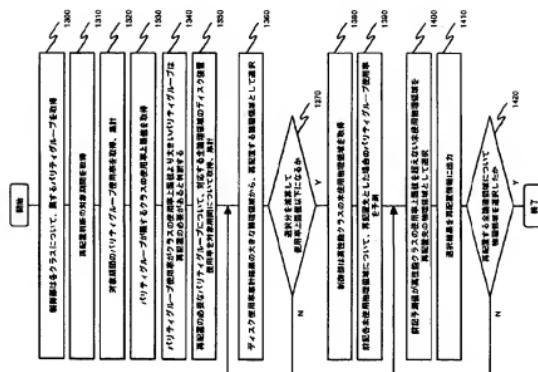
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1999年8月1日 0時0分	RAI01	70
	RAI02	80
1999年8月1日 0時0分	RAI03	90

[図2.2]

日付	搭載機器種類	搭載機器(%)
1999年8月1日 0時0分	2.7.3.回	1
	MTI上位機	-
1999年8月1日 0時0分	0	60
	1	70
1999年8月1日 0時0分	1	80
	2	-
1999年8月1日 0時0分	2	80
	3	90
1999年8月1日 0時0分	4	-

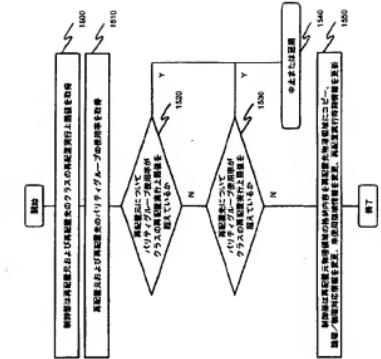
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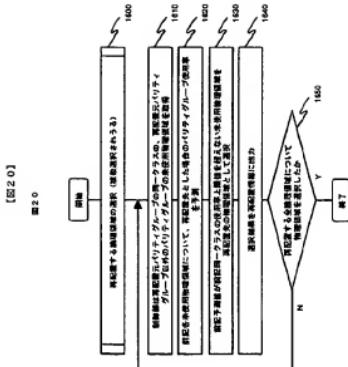
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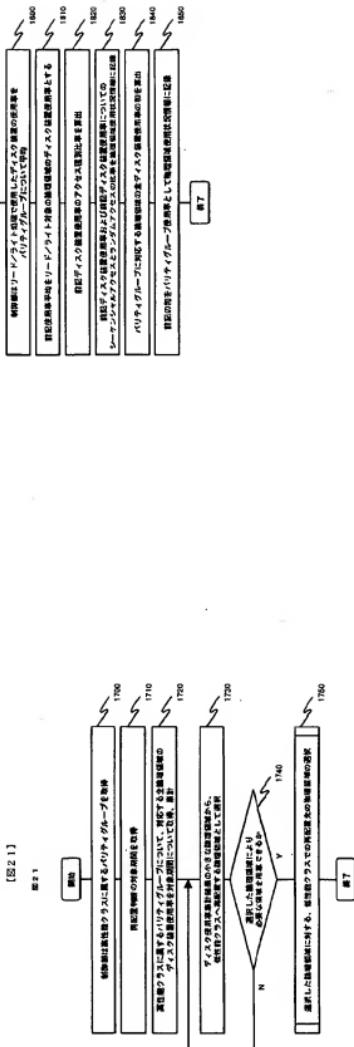


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日付	読み込み時間	データ転送時間	シーケンサードライバ	アセスメント
1998年5月11日 8時0分	0:00-1:59	3:2	52	48
1998年5月11日 8時15分	0:00-5:59	20	50	20
1998年5月11日 8時30分	10:00-1:59	30	50	50
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1998年5月11日 9時0分	10:00-1:59	20	48	52



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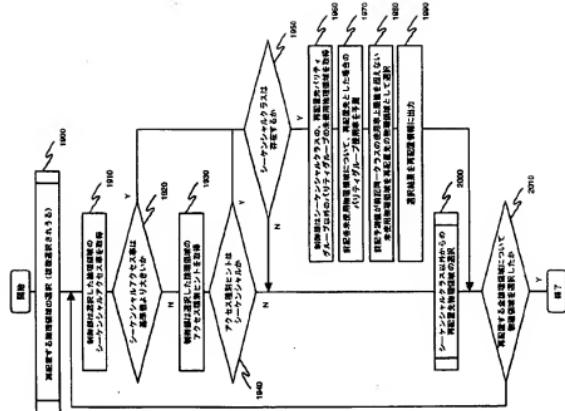


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read/write object, and the first physical memory field of said store, A means to manage said two or more disk units as a two or more groups (class) which have a respective, or more disk units for said logic storage region based on said logic storage region to determine the class of the suitable relocation place for said logic storage region based on said logic storage region.

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CLADAMS matching of a logic storage region into a second physical memory field from said first physical memory field while copying the contents of said first physical memory field to said second physical memory field.

[Claim 6] It is the storage subsystem which is a storage subsystem according to claim 6, and is characterized by having a means for a storage subsystem to accumulate said operating condition information, and to determine the relocation place of a logic storage region automatically based on the accumulated information.

[Claim 7] It is the storage subsystem which is a storage subsystem according to claim 6, and is characterized by having a means for a storage subsystem to accumulate said operating condition information, and to determine the relocation place of a logic storage region automatically based on the accumulated information.

[Claim 6] It is a storage subsystem according to claim 6 or 7. A storage subsystem  $\mathbf{h}$  has a said operating condition information on the set-up period, and the means which rearranges to said operating condition information on the set-up period, and the means which rearranges to the set-up time amount.

information. Said storage subsystem A means to choose the logic storage region rearranged from the storage exceeding the activity ratio upper limit set as each class as a attribute. The upper subsystem characterized by the activity having a means to determine not to exceed the activity ratio upper limit set as each class as a attribute.

[Claim 9] It is a storage subsystem according to claim 6 or 7, a storage subsystem which it has as an attribute in the class of the relocation place of said logic storage region.  
[Claim 9] It is a storage subsystem according to claim 6 or 7, a storage subsystem which it has as means using the time (one per unit time amount of time (unit time)) as one condition.

information. Said storage subsystem A means to choose the logic storage region rearranged from the storage exceeding the activity ratio upper limit of the class set up as an attribute. A means to analyze the access classification to said logic storage region, and object access classification.

system. As operating condition information, the time per unit amount of storage activity ( $t_{storage}$ ) is used. Each class has the engine performance ranking and the activity ratio upper limit ( $\alpha_{upper}$ ) is used. The control approach of the storage subsystem is based on the following rule:

claims 6, 7, 8, or 9, and for a storage subsystem being a disk array which has two or more disk units, and having a means using the activity ratio of said disk unit as operating condition information.

rearranged from the storage exceeding the activity ratio upper limit of a class is chosen. The control approach of the storage subsystem characterised by determining that a physical memory field available at a relocation place of said logic storage region will not exceed the activity ratio

**[Claim 5]** It is the control approach of a storage subsystem according to claim 1 or 2. A storage subsystem As operating condition the time per unit time amount of storage activity (latency ratio) is used. Each class has the object access classification and the activity ratio upper limit.

which were set up as an attribute. Said storage subsystem has the logic storage region rearranged from the storage exceeding the activity ratio upper limit of a class is chosen. The control approach of the storage subsystem characterised by determining that the classes of the relocation

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

## [Detailed Description of the Invention]

[001] **[Field of the Invention]** This invention relates to the storage subsystem which has two or more disk units, and its control approach.

[002] **[Description of the Prior Art]** In a computer system, a disk array system is one of the secondary storage systems which realizes high performance. A disk array system is a system which performs read/write of data at which arrange two or more disk units in the shape of a matrix, and division storing is carried out by said each disk unit at a high speed by operating each disk unit to independent position. As a paper about a disk array system, it is D.A.Patterson, "Disk and There are RH.Kats and A.Case for Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks (Said)" (In Proc. ACM SIGART, pp.109-116, June 1988). In this paper, the classification of level given from Level 1 to 0, the disk array system which added redundancy according to that configuration. In addition to these classification, a disk array system without redundancy may be level 1. In building a disk array system, since cost, performance characteristics, etc. (or redundancy, etc., to realize said above-mentioned level makes the array group of a disk unit) or two or more levels intermingled in many cases. Here, the group is called a parity group.

[003] In order to realize optimal cost performance in cost's changing with the engine performance, capacity, etc. and build a disk array system, two or more sorts of disk units from which the engine performance and capacity differ to may be used for a disk unit.

[004] In order to distribute and arrange the data stored in a disk array system as mentioned above, disk array system matches the physical memory field which shows the logic storage region which the host computer linked to a disk array system accesses, and the storage region of a disk unit (address translation). The disk array system which realizes the optimal configuration of the stored data is indicated by JP-3-21454A with means to acquire the information about I/O access over the logic storage region from a host computer, and a means to charge matching with the physical memory field of a logic storage region, and to perform physical relocation.

[005] [Problems] to be Solved by the Invention] The following technical problems occur about the activation approach of the arrangement optimization in Prior art as shown in JP-9-21454A.

[006] In selection of the logic storage region to rearrange, and selection of the physical memory field of a relocation place, the user or customer engineer of a disk array system had to check information such as said disk array structure of a system, property of each disk unit, engine performance, etc., and had to perform said selection, and the activity by the user or the customer engineer was complicated.

[007] Moreover, when a disk array system chose automatically, the user or the customer engineer had to check the information on said each disk unit, the selection-criterion value had to be specified, and the activity by the user or the customer engineer was complicated too. The complication of information management increases especially about the disk array system by

which level or a different kind and a disk unit of a different kind are intermingled as mentioned above.

[008] Moreover, reference of the I/O access information of selection of a disk array system for accumulating was not taking into consideration the property of the schedule of I/O processing performed by the system containing a host computer and disk array system. accompanying the processing and processing which are generally performed by the computer system is performed in conformity with the schedule created by the user and the indication of processing and I/O shows the periodicity for every month and every year day by day in many cases, and, generally, a user is considered to be interested in processing and I/O of a specific period.

[009] Moreover, in the above-mentioned conventional technique, the following technical problems occur about the engine performance tuning approach by relocation. Although the engine performance tuning approach by physical relocation adds modification to the operating condition of a disk unit, i.e., a physical memory field, since it referred to the information about I/O access over the logic storage region from a host computer, it may be unable to perform right selection in the Prior art in selection of the logic storage region to rearrange, and selection of the physical memory field of a relocation place.

[010] Moreover, even when the sequential access and random access from a host computer are performed to the separate physical memory field notably included in the same disk unit, in order to divide sequential access and random access into a different disk unit, the disk unit of a relocation place was able to specify as arbitration, and automatic relocation was not able to be made to perform. Generally, although random access with a small data length is required for a response (high response engine performance) in a short time, a requirements for processing from a host computer, when sequential access with a large data length exists in the same disk unit, the response time of random access will be checked by processing of a sequential data access, and will become long, and the response engine performance will get worse.

[011] The first purpose of this invention is to do simple an activity for the user or customer engineer of a disk array system to perform arrangement optimization by relocation. [012] The second purpose of this invention is to enable arrangement optimization by relocation in consideration of the schedule of processing by the system containing a host computer and a disk array system.

[013] The third purpose of this invention is to offer the control approach of a disk array system and disk array system which perform selection based on the operating condition of the disk unit which is an actual store in selection of the logic storage region to rearrange, and selection of the physical memory field of a relocation place.

[014] The fourth purpose of this invention is to enable it to separate into the disk unit which specifies the disk unit of a relocation place as arbitration, and changes a sequential access and random access with relocation automatically to the mixture of the removable access and in the same disk unit, and random access in a disk array system.

[015] [Means for Solving the Problem] In order to realize the first above mentioned purpose, the disk array system linked to one or more sets of host computers it has a means to perform matching with a means to acquire the operating condition information on two or more disk units of a subordinate, and the logic storage region and the physical memory field of a disk unit which a host computer makes a read/write object. Furthermore, it means to manage two or more disk units as two or more groups (class) which have an attribute, respectively. A means to determine the class of the suitable relocation place for a logic storage region based on operating condition information and a class attribute. A means to choose the second physical memory field available as a relocation place of a logic storage region from the inside of a class. While copying the contents of the first physical memory field to said second physical memory field, it has the means which rearranges by changing matching of a logic storage region into the second physical memory field from the first physical memory field.

[016] Moreover, in order to realize the second purpose of the above, a disk array system can be equipped with a means to accumulate operating condition information and to determine the

relocation place of a logic storage region based on the operating condition information on the set up period, and the means which rearranges to the set-up time amount.

[0017] Moreover, in order to realize the third purpose of the above, a disk array system is equipped with a means to use the time per unit time amount of a disk unit (activity ratio), as operating condition information.

[0018] In order to realize the fourth purpose of the above, moreover, a disk array system The object access classification (sequential / random access classification) and the activity ratio upper limit, which were set as each class as an attribute are used. The logic storage region

[0019] rearranged from the storage exceeding the activity ratio upper limit of a class is chosen. Based on the analysis result of the access classification to a logic storage region, it has a means to determine that the class of the relocation place of a logic storage region will not exceed the activity ratio upper limit of a class to each class of a suitable access classification.

[0020] [Embodiment of the Invention] Hereafter, the gestalt of operation of this invention is explained using drawing 1 - drawing 27.

[0021] The gestalt of [gestalt of the first operation] book operation explains the scheduling of the relocation based on a class 600, relocation decision, and activation of operation.

[0022] Drawing 1 is the block diagram of the computing system in the gestalt of operation of this invention.

[0023] The computer system in the gestalt of this operation comes to have a host 100, the storage subsystem 200, and a control terminal 700.

[0024] The host 100 connects with the storage subsystem 200 through I/O bus 800, and performs control of a lead or a light to the storage subsystem 200. A host 100 specifies a logic field about the storage region to the storage subsystem 200 in the case of I/O. There are ESCON, SCSI, a fiber channel, etc. as an example of I/O Bus 800.

[0025] The storage subsystem 200 has a control section 300 and two or more storage 500. A control section 300 performs the read/write processing 310, the operating condition information acquisition processing 311, the relocation decision processing 312, and relocation executive operation 313. Moreover, the storage subsystem 200 holds the information 400 corresponding to logic field / physics, the class configuration information 401, the class attribute information 402, the logic field operating condition information 403, the physical field operating condition information 404, the relocation decision horizon information 405, the relocation activation time information 406, the free-space information 407, and relocation information 408.

[0026] There are FDDI, a fiber channel, etc. as an example of a network 900.

[0027] Although components generally used in a computer, such as memory for performing processing in each and CPU, also exist in a host 100, a control section 300, and a control

section 700, respectively, since it is not important, explanation is omitted in explanation of the gestalt of this operation here.

[0028] A host 100 explains the read/write processing 310 in the case of performing read/write to the storage subsystem 200, and the operating condition information acquisition processing 311 by drawing 2.

[0029] In the read/write processing 310, from the control section 300 of the storage subsystem 200, a host 100 specifies a logic field and demands read or write (step 100). The control section 300 which received the demand asks for the physical field corresponding to logic field using the address of a logic field into the address (physical address) of a physical field (step 101). Then, in a lead, data are read from the store 500 of the physical address, and a control section 300 transmits it to a host 100 in the case of a light, stores in the store 500 of a paid physical address the data transmitted by the host 100 (step 102), and performs the further below-mentioned

operating condition information acquisition processing 311. Read/write demand and data transfer are performed through I/O bus 800.

[0030] An example of the free-space information 407 is shown in drawing 3.

The logical address is the address which shows the logic field which a host 100 uses by the item shown uses / intact distinction of a physical field. A control section 300 usually

read/write processing 310. A physical address is the address which shows the field on the storage 500 with which data are actually stored, and consists of a storage number and the address in storage. A storage number shows each storage 500. The address in storage is the address which shows the storage region within storage 500.

[0030] Next, in the operating condition information acquisition processing 311, a control section 300 updates the logic field operating condition information 403 about the logic field which became a read/write object in the read/write processing 310, and the physical field operating condition information 404 about the physical field used by the read/write processing 310 (step 103 and 104). The logic field operating condition information 403 and the physical field operating condition information 404 are the information about operating conditions of each time of each logic field and physical field, such as for example, operating frequency, an activity ratio, and an activity about read/write. The gestalt of subsequent operations explains the concrete example of the logic field operating condition information 403 and the physical field operating condition information 404.

[0031] Next, drawing 4 explains the relocation decision processing 312 which a control section 300 performs.

[0032] Storage 500 is classified into two or more groups (class 600) as a user or an initial state, and the classification to a class 600 is set as the class configuration information 401. Furthermore, each class 600 is having the attribute set up as a user or initial condition, and the attribute is set as the class attribute information 402. The class attribute information 402 is the information about attributes, such as a permissible operating condition, a suitable operating condition, and priority between classes. The gestalt of subsequent operations explains the concrete example of the class configuration information 405 — a user — or the period and period update information of operating condition horizon information 405 — a user — or the period and period update information which are made into the object of the relocation decision processing 312 as initial condition are set up.

[0033] An example of the relocation decision horizon information 405 is shown in drawing 5 R2 5.

The period from initiation time to termination time turns into a period. Period update information is the set up of a next horizon, for example, year have X time around back etc. every week and every day. A control section 300 chooses the logic field which should perform physical relocation as compared with the permissible operating condition of each class 600 of the class attribute information 402 (step 110) etc. with reference to the operating condition information 404 (step 110) (step 1120).

[0034] Furthermore, with reference to the permissible operating condition and the suitable operating condition of the class attribute information 402, the priority between classes (step 1130), etc. a control section 300 chooses the class 600 of the relocation place of a logic field belonging to a class 600 further (step 1150), and outputs a selection result to relocation information 408 (step 1160).

[0035] An example of relocation information 408 is shown in drawing 6. A logic field is a logic field to relocate, rearranging agency physics number which shows the current physical field corresponding to a logic field, and the address in storage, and relocation place physical fields in the number which shows the physical field of a relocation place, and the address in storage. As shown in drawing 6, one of more pluralitys of relocation are performed it etc. Furthermore, a control section 300 updates the horizon of the relocation decision horizon information 405 to detect batch with reference to the period update information of the relocation decision horizon information 405 (step 1170). In the above-mentioned processing, a control section 300 uses the free-space information 407 for retrieval of the aforementioned intact physical field using the information 400 corresponding to logic/physics.

[0036] An example of the free-space information 407 is shown in drawing 7. A storage number shows each storage 500. The address in storage is the address which shows the field within storage 500. A storage number and the address in equipment show a physical field and unit / intact item shows uses / intact distinction of a physical field.

[0037] Next, drawing 8 shows the read/write processing 311. Read/write demand and data transfer are performed through I/O bus 800.

[0038] An example of the free-space information 407 is shown in drawing 3.

The logical address is the address which shows the logic field which a host 100 uses by the item shown uses / intact distinction of a physical field. A control section 300 usually

performs relocation decision processing 312 automatically before the below-mentioned relocation executive operation 313 after a horizon.

[0037] Next, drawing 8 explains the relocation executive operation 313 which a control section 300 performs.

[0038] The relocation activation time information 406 — a user — or the time and time update information which perform relocation executive operation 313 as initial condition are set up.

[0039] An example of the relocation activation time information 406 is shown in drawing 9. A control section 300 performs automatically relocation executive operation 313 explained below in the set-up time. Time update information is set of time which perform not relocation executive operation 313, for example, may have X time amount back etc., every week and every day. A control section 300 copies the contents stored in a rearranging agency physics field based on relocation information 408 to a relocation place physics field (step 200). Furthermore, when a copy is completed and all the contents of the rearranging agency physics field are incorporated in a relocation place physics field, a control section 300 changes into a relocation place physics field corresponding to logic/physics from a rearranging agency physics field (step 120).

[0040] Furthermore, a control section 300 considers the relocation place physics field on the info at physics field 470 a use, and changes a rearranging agency physics field intact (step 140). Furthermore, a control section 300 updates a time of the relocation activation time information 406 to decide tasks with reference to the time update information of the relocation activation time information 406 (step 1230).

[0041] A user or a customer engineer can check and set up minding a network 900 from a computer terminal 700, or setting up and checking each information which the control section 300 uses by the above-mentioned processing through a network 900 or I/O bus 800 from a host 100, especially relocation information 408, and can carry out a relocation proposal for correction, an application, deletion, etc.

[0042] By performing the above-mentioned processing, based on the acquired operating condition information and the set-up class attribute in the storage subsystem 200, physical configuration of a logic field can be performed automatically, and the storage subsystem 200 can be optimized. By repeating the further above-mentioned relocation decision and processing of an initiation and concluding arrangement, the optimization error factor of fluctuation of an operating condition or others is absorbable.

[0043] Especially, a user or a customer engineer can perform optimization by relocation simple by the above-mentioned processing. Since a user or a customer engineer can manage storage 500 in the unit of a class 900, it does not need to manage attributes, such as engine performance of storage 500, dependency, and a property, about said storage 500.

[0044] Furthermore, a user or a customer engineer can set up the class 900 in which each attribute of storage 500 has the same attribute to the group which is not equal if needed, and can treat one management unit. However, it is able for one storage 500 to consider that one class 900 is constituted, and to process the above-mentioned relocation by making one storage 500 into a management unit.

[0045] Moreover, a user or a customer engineer can perform the above-mentioned relocation automatically in consideration of the despatching and a schedule of the processing job performed by the host 100. Generally, I/O accompanying the processing performed with a computing system and this processing is performed in conformity with the schedule created by the user. A user can specify the period of processing, when it has processing to make into the object of optimization especially, a user can specify an interested period, and can make relocation decision able to process to the storage system 200 by processing of relocation in which it is explained with the gestalt of this operation, namely, optimization by the above-mentioned relocation can be realized based on the operating-condition information on said said period. Moreover, the indication of the processing processing with a computing system and I/O shows the periodicity for every month and every year day by day in many cases. Especially, periodicity becomes remarkable when processing is processing based on a routine task. Like the above-mentioned case,

especially a user can specify the period which is interested as a candidate for optimization in a period, and perform optimization by relocation. Moreover, in the relocation executive operation 313, although accompanied by the copy of the contents of storing within the storage system 200, a user is setting up the period when the demand processing engine performance of processing the storage systems 200 being performed by the time of day currently seldom used or the host 100 is low as activation time of day of the relocation executive operation 313, and it can avoid that I/O to the storage system 200 of processing that the demand processing engine performance in a host 100 is high is checked by the copy.

[0045] In addition, storage 500 may be a storage which may have the engine performance, dependability, a property different, respectively, and an attribute different, respectively, and is semiconducter memory (cache). Moreover, although, the above-mentioned example is the free-space of information 408, it may be described based on the logical field address corresponding to a physical field. It may be described based on the logical field logical address corresponding to an intact physical field.

[0046] The gestalt of [gestalt of the second operation] book operation explains this relocation decision by application of the disk unit activity rate, as reading condition information, 600.

[0047] Drawing 10 is the block diagram of the computing system in the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[0048] The computer system of the gestalt of this operation comes to have a host 100, the disk array system 201, and a control terminal 700. The computer system in the gestalt of this operation is equivalent to what used the storage subsystem 200 in the gestalt of the 1st operation as the disk array system 201, and made the store 500 the parity group 501.

[0049] The disk array system 201 has a control section 300 and a disk unit 502. A control section 300 is equivalent to the control section 300 in the gestalt of the 1st operation. The disk unit 502 constitutes RAID (disk array) from n sets (n is two or more integers), and calls the disk unit 502 contained in one parity group 501. As a property of RAID, n sets of the disk units 502 in the parity group 501 is one unit on actuation by group n sets of these disk units 502 the parity group 501. As a result of RAID, n sets of the disk units 502 contained in one parity group 501 have the relation on the redundancy that the redundancy data generated from the contents of storing of n-1 sets of a disk unit 502 are stored in the one remaining sets. Moreover, it has the relation on data stores — distributed storing of the contents of storing in which n sets of disk units 502 included redundancy data is carried out as n sets of disk unit 502 a sake [on a juxtaposition inclusion disposition].

[0050] Although it can consider this relation that each parity group 501 is one unit on actuation from each other, in constituting the disk array system 201, also about the disk unit 502 which is the array Barry (group 501) from which level and Number n differ is mode intermingled in many cases, and constitutes the parity group 501 in order to realize optimal cost performance in constituting the disk array system 201 since cost changes with the engine performance, capacity, etc., two or more sorts of disk units 502 which the engine performance and capacity differ may be used. Therefore, each parity group 501 who builds the disk array system 201 in the gestalt of this operation does not restrict that attributes, such as engine performance, dependency, and a property, are the same, but presupposes that it is different about especially the name performance.

[0051] An example of the information 400 corresponding to logic/physics in the gestalt of this operation is shown in drawing 11.

[0052] The logical address which shows the logic field which a host 100 uses by the read/write processing 310. A physical address is the address which shows the field on the disk unit 502 in which data and said redundancy data are actually stored, and consists of the parity group number, each disk unit number, and the address in a disk unit. The parity group number shows each parity group 501. A disk unit number shows each disk unit 502. The address in a disk unit is the address, which shows the field within a disk unit 502. Although a control section 300 uses for and processes the information about redundancy data by said read/write processing 310 etc., as a control of RAID, it does not touch about said processing by explanation of the gestalt of this operation especially here in order to explain the parity group 502 as one

unit on actuation.

[0052] Further — the gestalt of the 1st operation — the same — the parity group 501 — a user or it is classified into two or more groups (class 600) as an initial state, and the classification to a class 600 is set as the class configuration information 401. An example of the class configuration information 401 is shown in drawing 12.

[0053] A class number is a number which shows each class 600. Parity group number shows the number of the parity groups belonging to each class 600. The parity group number shows the parity group number 501 belonging to each class 600. Similarly, an example of the class attribute information 402 is set as the class attribute information 402. An example of the class attribute information 402 in the gestalt of this operation is shown in drawing 13.

[0054] Drawing 14 explains the operating condition information acquisition processing 311 in the gestalt of this operation.

[0055] A control section 300 acquires the time of the disk unit 502 used in the read/write piping using 310 like the gestalt of the 1st operation, finds the time per unit time amount (activity time). Further, about the parity group 501 to whom a disk unit 502 belongs, computes the average of an activity rate (step 150), and records an activity ratio average on the logic field operating condition information 403 as a disk unit activity ratio about the logic field used as a read/write object (step 150). Moreover, a control section 300 asks for the sum of the disk unit activity rate of all the logic fields corresponding to the parity group 501 (step 152), and records the physical field operating condition information 404 as the parity group's 501 activity ratio (step 153).

[0056] An example of the logic field operating condition information 403 in the gestalt of this operation and the physical field operating condition information 404 is shown in drawing 15[15 and drawing 16].

[0057] Time shows the time of every sampling period (a fixed period), the logical address shows the disk unit group number shows each parity group, and the disk unit activity ratio and parity group activity ratio of a logic field show the average activity ratio in said sampling period, respectively. The activity ratio of the above disk units 502 is a value which shows the load concerning a disk unit 502, and since the disk unit 502 may serve as an engine performance influenced when an activity rate is large, the improvement in the engine performance of the disk system 201 is expectable by lowering an activity ratio by relocation processing.

[0058] Next, drawing 17(F) 7 expounds the relocation decision processing 312.

[0059] A control section 300 acquires the parity group 501 belonging to a class 600 from the class configuration information 401 about each class 600 (step 130). Then, a control section 300 acquires a horizon with reference to the same relocation decision horizon information 405 as the result of the 1st operation; further, about the parity group 501 acquires the parity group activity ratio of the physical field operating condition information 404 as the activity ratio of a horizon, and sets the activity ratio of the physical field operating condition information 404 as a horizon, and sets the activity ratio of the physical field operating condition information 404 as a horizon, and sets the activity ratio of the physical field of the parity group 501 which, with reference to the logic field operating condition information 403 on a horizon, a physical field of the parity group 501 that relocation is required, total (step 130), and it chooses from what has a large disk unit activity ratio as a logic field to rerange (step 136).

[0060] Selection of a logic field subtracts the disk activity ratio of the logic field chosen from the parity

group's 501 activity ratio, and it is performed until it becomes below the activity ratio upper limit of a class 600 (130). It is thought that the effect to the parity group's 501 activity ratio of the logic field where a disk unit activity ratio is large, and its access frequency to the logic field from a host, 100 is also large, and it rearranges preferentially the logic field where a disk unit activity ratio is large, and the effective engine performance improvement of the disk array system 201 can be expected.

[0061] A control section 300 looks for the physical field used as the relocation place about the selected logic field. A control section 300 acquires the intact physics field of the parity group 501 who belongs to a high performance class with reference to the class configuration information 401 and the same free space information 407 as the gestalt of the 1st operation with reference to the disk attribute information 402 from the class 600 to which the parity group 501 belongs paying attention to the class 600 (high performance class) of a high order ranking engine performance (step 130).

[0062] A control section 300 calculates the forecast of the parity group activity ratio at the time of considering a relocation place about each intact physics field (step 130). The intact physics field it can be predicted that does not exceed the upper limit set as the high performance class of a high performance class when it considers as a relocation place it chooses as an intact physics field when it considers as a relocation place it to be outputted to relocation information 408 like the gestalt of the 1st operation (step 140), and a selection result is outputted end-if it finishes choosing the physical field of a relocation place about all the selected logic fields (step 142).

[0063] In the gestalt of this operation, in addition to the result of the 1st operation, control section 300 looks for the intact physics field information 409, and computes an activity ratio forecast from party group information 408; the logic field operating condition information 403, and the physical field operating condition information 404.

[0064] An example of parity group information 409 is shown in drawing 18(R) 8. The parity group 501 is a number which shows each parity group 501. RAID configuration shows the level and the number of a disk RAID which the parity group 501 constitutes, and a redundancy configuration. The disk unit engine performance shows the performance characteristics of the disk unit 502 of this operation, in addition to the result of the 1st operation, it mentions later.

[0065] In the gestalt of the parity group 501, about immobilization, it performs the copy for relocation activation upper limit and immobilization, it mentions later.

[0066] Although relocation executive operation 313 is performed like the gestalt of the 1st operation, as it is shown in drawing 19, before a control section 300 performs the copy for relocation — the class attribute information 402 — referring to — the class 600 of a rearranging agency and a relocation place — a user — or the relocation activation upper limit set up as initial condition is acquired (step 150). Furthermore, with reference to the physical field operating condition information 404, the latest parity group activity ratio of the parity group 501 of a rearranging agency and a relocation place is acquired (step 151) and when the parity group activity ratio is over the relocation activation upper limit in one [at least] class 600 as a result of the comparison (steps 152 and 153) and the relocation executive operation 313 are stopped or postponed (step 154).

[0067] It is avoided that a load arises further by said copy when the parity group's 501 activity ratio is large, namely, a user's load is set as arbitration every class 600.

[0068] By processing as mentioned above, selection of the logic field physically rearranged based on the operating condition of disk unit 502 and selection of the physical field of a relocation place can be performed based on a class configuration and an attribute, relocation can distribute the load of a disk unit 502 and arrangement for which the activity ratio of the parity group 501 belonging to a class 600 does not exceed the activity ratio upper limit set as each class 600 can be realized. By repeating processing of relocation decision and activation furthermore, and correcting arrangement, fluctuation, and the prediction error of an operating condition are

absorbable.

[0089] Although a control section 300 totals with reference to the parity group activity ratio of the physical field operating condition information 404 on a horizon, and the disk unit activity ratio of the logical field of the logic field operating condition information 403 and being used for decision in the relocation decision processing 312. For example, instead of using the average of all the values of a horizon, the method of using the value of m-th high orders in a horizon is also considered, and the approach using the value of the m-th high order is also considered (m is one or more integers). A user can choose and use only the characteristic part of an operating mode as outside of the object of detection similarly to the parity group 501 by whom the fixed attribute is set up with reference to parity group information 409. Moreover, although [a control section 300] a physical field of a relocation place is chosen from the intact physics field of the parity group 501 belonging to a high performance class, you may make it engine-performance ranking treat the high-order class 600 as a high performance class further as explained in drawing 21. Moreover, about the parity group 501 by whom the fixed attribute is set up with reference to parity group information 409, it is good also as outside of an object. By treating the class 600 or the parity group 301 by whom the fixed attribute is set up as mentioned above, a user can set up the class 600 or the parity group 501 who wants to produce the effect of physical relocation in the automatic above-mentioned relocation processing, and can be taken as the outside of the object of relocation.

[0090] The last of "gestalt of the third operation" book operation explains relocation decision in the same class 600. The computing system in the gestalt of this operation is the same as that of the gestalt of the 2nd operation. However, with the gestalt of this operation, two or more parity groups 501 belong to one class 600. If processing with the gestalt of this operation removes the relocation decision processing 312, it is the same as that of the gestalt of the 2nd operation. Moreover, section (step 1800) of the logic field paragraphed also about the relocation decision 300 acquires the intact physics field of parity groups 501 other than the rearranging agency belonging to the same class 600 with reference to the class configuration information 401 and the free-space information 407 (step 1610). A control section 300 calculates the forecast of the parity group activity ratio at the time of considering as a relocation place about each intact physics field (step 1620). The intact physics field it can be predicted that does not exceed the upper limit set as the same class 600 out of an intact physics field when it considers as a relocation place. It chooses as a physical field of a relocation place (step 1630), and a selection result is outputted to relocation information 408 (like the gestalt of the 2nd operation (step 1840)). Processing will be ended if it finishes choosing the physical field of a relocation place about all the logic fields to be processed (step 1650).

[0091] The above-mentioned processing can distribute the load of a disk unit 502 in the same class 600. The parity group 501 of the disk array system 201 can apply the above-mentioned art to the configuration which belongs to one class 600 (single class) altogether. Moreover, when it combines with the art explained with the gestalt of the 2nd operation for example, it sets to selection of the intact physics field of a relocation place, and the case where the intact physics

field for the high-order class 600 where engine-performance ranking is more suitable than the class 600 of a rearranging agency is not obtained, and engine performance ranking can apply to processing in the top class 600, the activity ratio upper limit from which the art in the gestalt of the 2nd operation and the art in the gestalt of this operation differ about each class 600 when it combines with the art explained with the gestalt of the 2nd operation — you may use —, namely, therefore, the class attribute information 402 may have two kinds of activity ratio upper limits, or difference about each class 600.

[0092] In the relocation decision processing 312 with the gestalt of the 2nd operation with the gestalt of "gestalt of the fourth operation" book operation. When the intact physics field of a relocation place is not found from the class 600 of a rearranging agency in the class 600 (high performance class) of a high order [ranking = engine-performance class 1], in order to obtain a relocation place, the engine performance ranking performed explains processing of the relocation from the high performance class to the class 600 (low engine-performance class) of lower order more.

[0093] The computing system in the gestalt of this operation is the same as that of the gestalt of the 2nd operation. Drawing 21 explains the relocation decision processing 312 in the gestalt of this operation.

[0094] Control section 300 acquires the parity group 501 belonging to a high performance class from the class configuration information 401 (step 1700). Then, a control section 300 acquires a horizon with reference to the same relocation horizon information 405 as the gestalt of the 1st operation (step 1710). It acquires the disk unit activity ratio of the logic field corresponding to each physics field for the parity group 501 with reference to the logic field operating condition information 409 on a horizon step 1720, and chooses from what has a small disk unit activity ratio as a logic field rearranged to a low engine-performance class (step 1730). At this time, selection of a logic field is performed as required (step 1740).

[0095] Then, although the physics field 501 used as the relocation place about the selected logic field is chosen from the parity group 501 belonging to a low engine-performance class, the control section 300 of physical field selection of a relocation place is the same as that of processing with the gestalt of the 2nd operation if the high performance class made into the relocation place in processing explanation with the gestalt of the 2nd operation is read as a low engine-performance class (step 1750). Moreover, processing of others in the gestalt of this convention is the same as processing with the gestalt of the 2nd operation.

[0096] By performing the above-mentioned processing, when the intact physics field of a relocation place is not found in a high performance class in the relocation decision processing 312 with the gestalt of the 2nd operation, relocation of a logic field can be performed from a high performance class in advance of the relocation to a high performance class to a low engine-

performance class, and the intact physics field of a relocation place can be prepared for a high performance class. A control section 300 can prepare intact physics field where a repeat line is sufficient for the above-mentioned processing if needed.

[0097] Although the disk time to the same load may increase about relocation and the disk unit activity ratio after relocation of a logic field may increase since the relocation place of a logic field is made into the parity group 501 of a low engine-performance class, the effect of increase can be suppressed to the minimum by making it rearrange from the logic field where a disk

(activity ratio) is small.

[0098] With the gestalt of "gestalt of the fifth operation" book operation, an access classification attribute is prepared in one of the attributes of a class 600, and the relocation decision for carrying out physical relocation of the logic field where a sequential access is notably performed using an access classification attribute, and the logic field where random access is performed notably automatically in other parity groups 501, and separating them is explained.

[0099] The computing system in the gestalt of this operation is shown in drawing 1010. In addition to explanation with the gestalt of the 1st operation, with the gestalt of this operation, the following information which a control section 300 holds is used.

[0100] An example of the class attribute information 402 on the gestalt of this operation is

shown in drawing 22. In this example, when access classification is added to the example in the gestalt of the 2nd operation and the access classification of a class 600 is set up for a sequential access, for example, it is shown that it is set up that a class 600 is suitable for a sequential access. [0064] An example of the logic field operating condition information 403 on the gestalt of this operation is shown in drawing 23. In this example, the rate of a sequential access and the rate of random accesses are applied to the example in the gestalt of the 2nd operation. [0065] Furthermore, in addition to the gestalt of the 2nd operation, in the gestalt of this operation, control section 300 holds the access classification reference-value information 410 and the logic field attribute information 411.

[0066] An example of the access classification reference value information 410 is shown in drawing 24. A user — or the reference value used for the judgment of the below-mentioned access classification is set to the access classification reference-value information 410 as initial condition. Moreover, an example of the logic field attribute information 411 is shown in drawing 25. An access classification hint is the access classification which can be expected to be normally carried out about each logic field, and a user sets it up. About immobilization, it mentions

[0067] If processing with the gestalt of this operation removes the operating condition information acquisition processing 311 and the relocation decision processing 312, it is the same that of the gestalt of the second operation. [0068] Drawing 26 explains the operating condition information acquisition processing 311 in the gestalt of this operation.

[0069] Like the operating condition information acquisition processing 311 with the gestalt of the second operation, a control section 300 computes the unit activity ratio about a logic field (step 1800 and 1810), analyzes the contents of an activity ratio in the read/write processing (step 1820), and records an activity ratio and an access classification ratio on the logic field operating condition information 403 (step 1830). Moreover, a control section 300 performs calculation of a unit group activity ratio, and record to the free field operating condition information 404 like the gestalt of the 2nd operation (steps 1840 and 1850).

[0070] In the relocation decision processing 312 in the gestalt of this operation, selection of the logic field to rearrange is the same as that of the gestalt of the 2nd operation (step 1960). [0071] Drawing 27 explains selection of the physical field of the relocation place in the relocation processing 312.

[0072] A control section 300 acquires the rate of a sequential access about the logic field to rearrange with reference to the logic field used for information 403 (step 1910), and compares with the reference value set as the access classification reference-value information 402. [0073] When the rate of a sequential access is larger than a reference value, a control section 300 investigates whether with reference to the class attribute information 402, the class 600 (sequential class) to which access classification is set as it is sequential exists (step 1960). [0074] When a sequential class exists, a control section 300 acquires the intact physics field of parity group 501 other than the rearranging agency belonging to a sequential class with reference to the class configuration information 401 and the free space information 407 (step 1960). Furthermore, a control section 300 calculates the forecast of the parity group activity ratio at the time of considering as a relocation place about the intact physics field (step 1970). The intact physics field can be predicted that does not exceed the upper limit as the sequential class out of an intact physics field when it considers as a relocation place. It chooses as a sequential class out of an intact physics field (step 1980), and a selection result is outputted to relocation information 408 like the gestalt of the 2nd operation (step 1990). A control section 300 computes an activity ratio forecast from the same parity group information 403 as the gestalt of the 2nd operation, the logic field operating condition information 404 in the gestalt of this operation, and the physical field operating condition information 404.

[0075] In the aforementioned comparison, when the rate of a sequential access is below a reference value, a control section 300 investigates whether with reference to the logic field attribute information 411, it is set up that an access classification hint is sequential about a logic

field (step 1940). When it is set as the access classification hint that it is sequential, a control section 300 investigates the existence of a sequential class like the above (step 1950), and when a sequential class exists, the physical field of a relocation place is chosen from a sequential class (steps 1960-1990). [0076] In the aforementioned comparison, the rate of a sequential access is said below reference value, when an access classification hint is not still more sequential, or when a sequential class does not exist, a control section 300 chooses the physical field of a relocation place from classes 600 other than a sequential class like the gestalt of the 2nd operation (step 2000). [0077] The logic field where a sequential access is notably performed by the above-mentioned processing uses the access classification and the activity ratio upper limit which were set as each class 600 as an attribute to mixture of the remarkable sequential access in the same parity group 501 and random access, and the logic field where randomness is performed notably can be automatically rearranged in a different parity group 501, it can separate into separation 502, i.e., a different disk unit, and the response engine performance especially to random access can be improved. [0078] Moreover, in the above-mentioned processing although [a control section 300] is automatic separation by relocation is performed paying attention to a sequential access, it is also possible to perform said separation similarly paying attention to random access. [0079] [a control section 300] does not rearrange a logic field when the fixed attribute is specified as the logic field with reference to the logic field attribute information 411 when the logic field to rearrange is chosen in the above-mentioned relocation decision processing 312, when there is a logic field considered that especially a user does not want to rearrange, a logic field can make into the outside of the object of relocation by setting up a fixed attribute. The processing about the above-mentioned fixed attribute is using the logic field attribute information 411, and can be applied also to the gestalt of the above-mentioned operation. [0097]

[Effect of the Invention] The user of a storage subsystem or a customer engineer can do simple the activity for performing arrangement optimization by physical relocation of a storage region.

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## DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

## [Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is the block diagram of the computing system in the gestalt of operation of the 1st of this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is the flow chart of the read/write processing 310 with the gestalt of operation of the 1st of this invention, and the operating condition information acquisition processing 311.

[Drawing 3] It is drawing showing an example of the information 400 corresponding to logic/physics on the gestalt of operation of the 1st of this invention.

[Drawing 4] It is the flow chart of the relocation decision processing 312 with the gestalt of operation of the 1st of this invention.

[Drawing 5] It is drawing showing an example of the relocation decision horizon information 405 on the gestalt of operation of the 1st of this invention.

[Drawing 6] It is drawing showing an example of the relocation information 408 in the gestalt of operation of the 1st of this invention.

[Drawing 7] It is drawing showing an example of the free-space information 407 on the gestalt of operation of the 1st of this invention.

[Drawing 8] It is drawing showing an example of the relocation executive operation 313 in the gestalt of operation of the 1st of this invention.

[Drawing 9] It is drawing showing an example of the relocation activation time information 406 in the gestalt of operation of the 1st of this invention.

[Drawing 10] It is the block diagram of the computing system of the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention, and the gestalt of the fifth operation.

[Drawing 11] It is drawing showing an example of the information 400 corresponding to logic/physics on the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[Drawing 12] It is drawing showing an example of the class configuration information 401 in the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[Drawing 13] It is drawing showing an example of the class attribute information 402 on the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[Drawing 14] It is the flow chart of the operating condition information acquisition processing 311 with the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[Drawing 15] It is drawing showing an example of the logic field operating condition information 403 on the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[Drawing 16] It is drawing showing an example of the physical field operating condition information 404 on the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[Drawing 17] It is the flow chart of the relocation decision processing 312 with the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[Drawing 18] It is drawing showing an example of parity group information 409 in the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[Drawing 19] It is the flow chart of the relocation executive operation 313 in the gestalt of operation of the 2nd of this invention.

[Drawing 20] It is the flow chart of the relocation decision processing 312 with the gestalt of operation of the 3rd of this invention.

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